



**Embracing the communities of:**  
 St Mary's South Brisbane,  
 St Francis of Assisi West End,  
 St Ita's Dutton Park and  
 Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Fairfield

*Under the care of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars*



*The community of St Mary's Catholic Parish and Dutton Park Catholic Parish acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which our parishes stand.*

## 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A - 8th October 2023

*Good News Reflection:*

### **The fruits of Heaven in our lives today**

"The kingdom of God is given to those who produce its fruit." That's the moral of the story that Jesus gives us in this Sunday's Gospel reading. And what is this kingdom of God, given to us while we're still on earth? What are its fruits, which we produce during our earthly lives?

Anything we do in imitation of Christ is a fruit that has grown as a result of following Christ on our journey toward heaven. If we love as he loves, forgive as he forgives, minister to others, teach the truth, and heal the hurting, we are living in the kingdom of God now.

When I ask Catholics if they believe they're going to heaven, most feel very uncertain, either because they're afraid they might lose their salvation through some future grave sin, or because they're afraid it's not humble enough to answer with a firm "yes."

Granted, we do not imitate Christ perfectly. Most of us will need to spend time in Purgatory being purged of whatever is unheavenly about us, but when the purging is finished, we'll be fully alive in the wonderfulness of God. If we make it to Purgatory, of course

we'll reach the glories of heaven. And if our desire to be Christ-like is genuine, then of course our sins will never be so "grave" that we turn completely away from Christ. Of course we'll gladly embrace him when he comes for us at the moment of our death.

Whatever you do because of Christ and out of love for Christ, this is evidence that you are living in and will eternally live in God's kingdom.

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### **St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day Mass Sunday, 8 October - 9am at St Francis of Assisi Church**

This Sunday mass will be dedicated to the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi followed with a 'Blessing of the Animals'.

You are invited to bring your pets. Dogs must be on a leash at all times, cats and chickens need to be in crates or cages.

### **Welcome to New Parishioners**

Please make yourselves known to our Priests and to the parishioners who greet you as you arrive. For more information about our parish or how to volunteer in the Church ministry or our activities, please contact the Parish Office below.

#### **MASS TIMES**

**St Mary's** (20 Merivale St, South Brisbane)

- Mon-Fri: 7am | Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
- Sunday: 9am and 5pm

**St Francis of Assisi** (47 Dornoch Tce, West End)

- Sunday: 9am

**St Ita's** (Pope St, Dutton Park)

- Saturday (Vigil): 5pm
- Sunday: 10.30am (Indonesian)

**Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**  
 (Victoria St, Fairfield)

- Sunday: 7am

#### **CONFESSION**

**St Mary's Church**

Sat: 8.30am-9am | Sun: 4.15-4.45pm

**St Ita's Church**

By appointment (contact parish office)

#### **More information:**

**Websites:** - [www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au](http://www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au)  
 - [www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au](http://www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au)

**FB:** - [www.facebook.com/stmaryssouthbrisbane/](https://www.facebook.com/stmaryssouthbrisbane/)  
 - [www.fb.me/duttonparkwestendcatholicparish](https://www.fb.me/duttonparkwestendcatholicparish)

#### **PARISH ADMINISTRATION**

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**Parish Secretary:** Niken Westerman

**Finance Officer:** Kevin Bhasin

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## READINGS AT MASS

**First reading:** Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.

My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.  
He dug the soil,  
cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it.  
In the middle he built a tower,  
he dug a press there too.  
He expected it to yield grapes,  
but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,  
I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.  
What could I have done for my vineyard  
that I have not done?  
I expected it to yield grapes.  
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you  
what I am going to do to my vineyard:  
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,  
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.  
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;  
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.  
I will command the clouds  
to rain no rain on it.  
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts  
is the House of Israel,  
and the men of Judah  
that chosen plant.  
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,  
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 79(80):9,12-16,19-20

**R: *The vineyard of the Lord  
is the house of Israel.***

You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R/**

Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field. **R/**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. **R/**

And we shall never forsake you again;  
give us life that we may call upon your name.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R/**

**Second reading:** Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and

have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** cf John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders  
that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing  
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

**Communion Antiphon:** Lam 3: 25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

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### THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

**Monday 9th:**

*You will rescue my life from the pit, O Lord.*

**Tuesday 10th:**

*If you, O Lord, laid bare our guilt, who could endure it?*

**Wednesday 11th:**

*Lord, you are tender and full of love.*

**Thursday 12th:**

*Happy are they who hope in the Lord.*

**Friday 13th:**

*For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.*

**Saturday 7th: Memorial (Our Lady of the Rosary)**

*The Lord listens to the poor.*

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

*27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**1st reading:** Isaiah 5:1-7

**2nd reading:** Philippians 4:6-9

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-43

**St Francis of Assisi - West End**  
Choir members and friends  
*'Why not' Picnic / Get together*

Date: Sunday, 8 October 2023  
Time: 1100 onwards  
Where: Orleigh Park @ riverside Westend  
(look out for pink balloons)  
BYO - food, drinks, guitar, football etc  
Contact: FALANIKA 0450488390

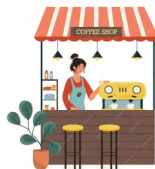


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**St Francis' Table - Ministry for the Elderly Fundraising Stall**

On Saturday, 14 October is Referendum Day and St Francis' Table will be holding a fundraising stall, with sausage sizzle, coffees, cakes and handmade souvenirs.

If you vote at St Francis' Hall, please stop by their stall and support them. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



**Engaged & Married Encounter invite you to World Priest Day**



Date: 21/10/2023  
Venue: St John the Baptist parish hall.  
131 South Pine Rd Enoggera.  
Time: 11.30 for 12 lunch.  
Rsvp: [formbyd@iprimus.com.au](mailto:formbyd@iprimus.com.au) by 7th October.

**A World Priest Day Prayer**

*Heavenly Father, We come before you today to ask your blessing on our brothers whom you have called to the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Lord Jesus, We ask that you support them with your presence and fill them with grace to serve You faithfully. Gracious Spirit, unite us in service with those whom you have called. Open our hearts to encourage our brothers and sons to pursue your calling and open their hearts to hear Your call to this most Holy Sacrament. Amen.*

More information on world priest day:  
<https://wwme.org/community/sponsored-events/world-priest-day/>

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**St Francis of Assisi Church**

- Flower Ministry
- Choir members

Please contact the Parish Office on 3844 2744 or [stitarpar@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stitarpar@bne.catholic.net.au)

**TWO MINUTES CATECHISM**

**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI**  
**Feast Day: 4 October**

St Francis of Assisi was an Italian Catholic friar and deacon who founded the men's Order of Friars Minor (the Franciscans), the women's Order of St. Clare (The Poor Clares), and the Third Order of St Francis.

He was born, and given the name Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone, in 1181 or 1182 AD in Assisi, Perugia, Umbria, Italy.

He died on October 3 1226 in Assisi, Umbria, Italy at the age of 44.

We celebrate his feast day on October 4 every year in the Catholic Church..

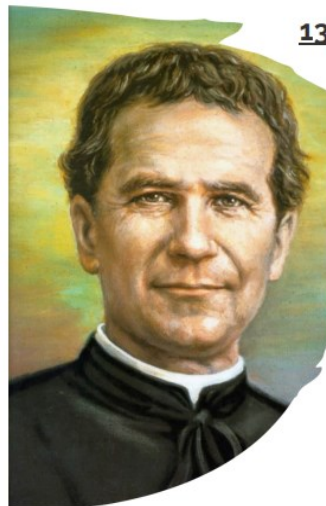
**Peace Prayer of St Francis of Assisi**

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.**  
**O divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be loved as to love.**  
**for it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**  
**Amen**

Taken from <https://catholicreadings.org/saint-francis-of-assis/>

**ST DON BOSCO RELICS - BRISBANE VISIT**

**13<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2023**

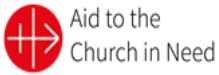


*The Salesians of St Don Bosco are celebrating 100 years since they arrived in Australia to work in the spirit of St Don Bosco. The Relic is touring Australia to give people the opportunity to pray to St Don Bosco in a special way with the relic. Brisbane is its last stop!*

- FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> - Cathedral of St. Stephen  
Brisbane City - 8am to 6pm
- SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> - Stella Maris  
Maroochydore - 9am to 6.30pm
- SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> - Mary Immaculate  
Annerley - 6.30am to 7pm
- MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> - Mary Immaculate  
Annerley - 8.30am to 11am  
and 3pm to 8.30pm
- TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> - Holy Spirit  
Bray Park - 11am to 9pm
- WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> - Little Flower  
Kedron - 8am to 7pm
- THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> - Guardian Angels  
Wynnum - 4pm to 7pm
- FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> - Our Lady of Victories  
Bowen Hills - 4pm to 9pm
- SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> - Our Lady of Victories  
Bowen Hills - 6.30am to 10am  
and 1pm to 3pm
- SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> - Marian Valley Shrine  
Canungra - 9am to 6pm



Up to date information at [www.stdonboscobrisbane.weebly.com](http://www.stdonboscobrisbane.weebly.com)



ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND



Aid to the Church in Need invites all parishes, schools and families to take part in our annual "One million children praying the Rosary," on 18 October 2023. Last year 40,000 Australian children participated.

Free resources can be found online including reflections for children and a prayer of consecration for children to the Mother of God.

To learn more and to register visit [www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren](http://www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren).

### Volunteer opportunity Salesians of Don Bosco

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco.

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2024 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia.

**Applications close 31 October 2023**

For more information visit - [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au) or email [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

### When was the last time you reviewed your Will?

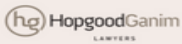
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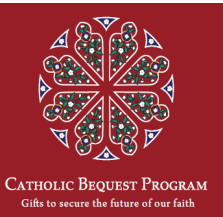
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### Give the Gift of Faith

Did you know that you can create a gift to the Parish that lasts forever?



Please prayerfully consider including a gift in your Will to the Parish (otherwise known as a bequest) to strengthen the future of our faith and pass on the Gospel message to the next generation.

You can designate a specific gift amount to the Parish or create a permanent endowment fund in your family name which will provide perpetual support for the Church. Endowments provide a steady stream of income to the Parish forever.

For an information kit, please contact Donor Relations Manager - Bequests, Archdiocese of Brisbane on: ph 3324 3211 or visit [www.catholicfoundation.org.au](http://www.catholicfoundation.org.au)

### PARISH ACTIVITIES 2023

#### BAPTISMS

- 2nd Saturday of the Month - 9.30am: St Mary's (Booking is essential.)

#### PRAYER & ADORATION

- Tuesday 6.30pm: St Mary's Church
- Sunday 4pm: St Mary's Church

#### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturdays after 8am Mass until Sundays 8.30am

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

- 1st Friday - 7am: St Mary's Church
- 1st Saturday - 5pm: St Ita's Church
- 1st Sunday - 7am: OLPS Fairfield

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY (School Term Only)

- Saturday - 5.00pm: St Ita's Church (Vigil Mass)
- Sunday - 9.00am: St Mary's Church

#### FAMILY MASS (School term only)

- 4th Saturday - 5pm: St Ita's Church

#### ST FRANCIS TABLE - Ministry to the Elderly

- 1st and 3rd Monday: 9am -1pm  
St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Tce, West End

### PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

**Please consider giving to our planned giving program.**

Your continued support for our Parishes is appreciated. If you'd like to use direct debit please complete the form below and return to the Parish Office.

- [St Mary's Parish Direct Debit Request Form](#)
- [Dutton Park Parish Direct Debit Request Form](#)

**Other ways of giving direct internet transfer:**

- **St Mary's Parish South Brisbane**  
BSB: 064-786  
Acc No: 100 009 890  
Ref: Your Last Name and Collections
- **Dutton Park Parish:**  
BSB: 064-786  
Acc No: 100 022 825  
Ref: Last Name and Collections

We also have **Tap n Go** see Church Coordinator at Mass.

### SAFEGUARDING

St Mary's Catholic Parish and Dutton Park Catholic Parish have zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in their activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

To make an anonymous report call 1300 304 550. For more information visit [brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding](http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding)

